

REMARKS

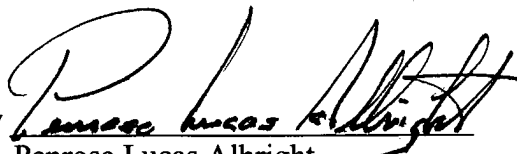
This Amendment is in response to the Official Action of October 6, 2003. All claims, except Claims 77-87 and 89-91, have previously been or are herein cancelled without prejudice. The excepted claims were indicated to be allowable in the Official Action of October 6, 2003. In addition, Claims 111, 118 and 119 were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, these claims have been rewritten in independent form as new Claims 121-123 which are therefore allowable.

Currently there are a total of seventeen (17) claims presented in this Application of which nine (9) are independent claims. Fees covering such number of independent claims were paid with the Amendment filed June 20, 2003 and therefore it does not appear that further fees based on the number of claims are required. Nevertheless, if this is in error, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to credit or debit our Account No. 13-2000 as appropriate.

Inasmuch as all of the claims presently presented in the instant Application are claims that were allowed or indicated to be allowable, a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and is so requested.

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